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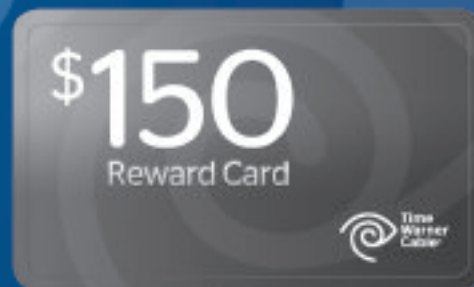
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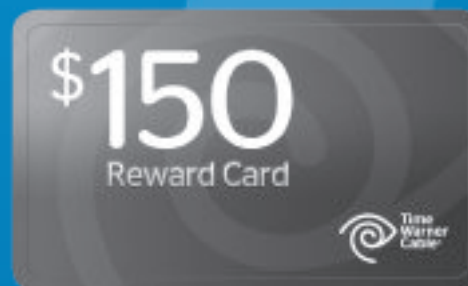
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WALL ST. VS. OWS: WHO GETS LAST LAUGH?

► Protesters surface the same day report shows city's finance sector in a slump ► 2011 a 'difficult' year on Wall Street {page 02}

► Will Gusakov, 28, of Brooklyn, protests on 42nd Street yesterday. "The carnivalesque aspect of protest is very powerful," Gusakov said, dressed as a clown.

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Will Romney coast to easy GOP victory?

► Former gov. won primaries Tuesday, but still not secure in nomination ► Why did Dems vote Santorum? {page 09}

What about safe smooshing?

Snooki is pregnant, MTV isn't exactly psyched for a 'Jersey Shore' baby shower {page 10}



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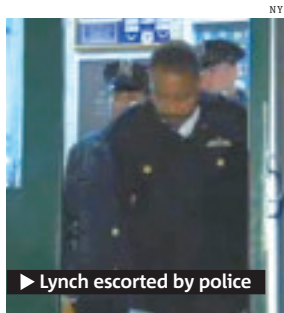
Waitress
claims cop
took advantage

A story in yesterday's Metro wrongly suggested that a Washington Heights waitress claimed she had been raped by NYPD detectives. In fact the woman believed she blacked out under the influence of alcohol while a detective made physical advances and she believes she may have been taken advantage of while she was unconscious. Metro regrets the error. ● METRO

In the news



Obama in town
President Barack Obama will be visiting the Big Apple this evening to raise money for his 2012 presidential campaign, making this Obama's 11th visit to New York since March of last year. The commander-in-chief will meet with wealthy backers at various events, including a \$35,000-a-head dinner. There will also be a private reception at ABC Carpet & Home. ● METRO/EAE



Lynch escorted by police

Sixth city teacher sex crime charge in 2012

MANHATTAN. A city teacher has been arrested for allegedly sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl.

The NYPD reported Tuesday night that Connecticut resident Darryl Lynch, 55, was arrested and charged with forcible touching, sexual abuse and acting in a manner to injure a child less than 17 years old.

He was arrested after someone complained, according to the NYPD.

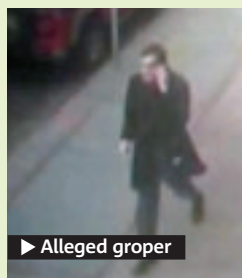
Lynch has been an ROTC teacher at Manhattan's High School of Graphic Communication Arts since 1997, Department of Education spokeswoman Marge Feinberg said. His salary is \$100,049.

He has been assigned away from the classroom, she said.

"I have no tolerance for adults who betray the trust of their students," Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott said in a statement yesterday. "Any individual who has an inappropriate relationship with a student will be removed from the

classroom as soon as allegations surface — and moving forward, be barred from teaching in our schools if those charges have merit."

Lynch is the sixth city public school teacher arrested this year on similar charges of inappropriate sexual contact with students. ● METRO/AB



Alleged groper

Groper
targeting
UES gals

UPPER EAST SIDE. Police are asking for the public's help in finding a man who has been groping women on the Upper East Side. In two separate incidents this week, the man approached young women from behind and touched them. On Saturday, Feb. 25, he followed a 33-year-old woman as she walked along Park Avenue and grabbed her inner thigh. On Monday, he grabbed another woman's backside before fleeing on foot.

● METRO/EAE

Man struck
by subway

UPPER WEST SIDE. Several trains were rerouted during rush hour yesterday morning after a man was struck by a subway around 7:50 a.m. at the 72nd Street and Broadway station. An NYPD spokeswoman said the man was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and was not expected to survive. Power at the station was temporarily shut off after the incident and northbound 1, 2 and 3 trains were temporarily rerouted, according to MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz. ● METRO/CG

Occupiers rise again as
Wall Street suffers losses

► Wall Street woes announced as Occupy pops back up again ► State comptroller says city's finance sector still recovering from 2008 crisis

The same day Occupy Wall Street rallied against corporate excess, a new report shows New York's once booming financial sector has not yet fully recovered from the 2008 economic collapse.

The city's securities industry shed 4,300 jobs across the board between April and December last year, according to a report released yesterday by State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

Salaries grew, but bonuses are shrinking, according to the report. DiNapoli spokesman Eric Sumberg noted that salaries in the security sector grew 16 percent, to \$361,180 in 2010; 2011 numbers are not yet available. But DiNapoli is expecting to see a 14 percent drop this year in cash bonuses.

The average lump of cash bonus last year was \$121,150, down from \$138,940 in 2010.

Even though the DOW closed above 13,000 on Tuesday — for the first time since 2008 — 2011 was "a difficult



Members of Occupy Wall Street dressed as "corporate clowns" yesterday in Bryant Park.

year on Wall Street," DiNapoli said.

"The securities industry, which is a critical component of the economies of New York City and New York State, faces

continued challenges as it works through the fallout from the financial crisis," said DiNapoli.

Occupiers, who wanted to protest outside the Bank of

America headquarters yesterday but were stopped by police, said Wall Street's losses merely follow an economic crisis created by the bankers themselves.

Andy Stepanian, 33, an Occupy volunteer from Long Island, said OWS members do not want to see jobs stripped or lives ruined.

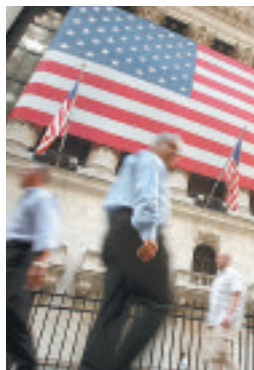
"The first instinct of people is to claim it as a victory," he said. "Look at what we did, we made them cringe, we punched them in the stomach." But that's not what's going on here. ... We're not trying to hurt people."

"It doesn't have to do with how much those people make," he added. "It has to do with how America is feeling."

And still, a \$361,180 average New York banker salary is five times higher than the average salary in the private sector, \$66,110, noted the report.

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Declining profits



State Comptroller DiNapoli found Wall Street profits were halved last year:

\$13.5B Profits on Wall Street did not exceed \$13.5 billion in 2011, DiNapoli said.

\$27.6B That's less than half of the \$27.6 billion earned in 2010.

\$61.4B Industry earnings were \$61.4 billion in 2009.

Finance fallout
felt citywide

NEW YORK. According to Crain's, 41 percent of renters below 96th Street worked in finance last year, compared to 58 percent in 2005. A recent report from the New York Building Congress noted that the city issued more residential permits in 2011, but the cost per unit declined — implying fewer high-end, luxury units. ● METRO/AB

OWS protesters
arrested at park

FINANCIAL DISTRICT. On the eve of Occupy Wall Street's most recent national day of action, eight protesters were arrested in Zuccotti Park on Tuesday night. Some of the 30 protesters who gathered brought sleeping bags, which are prohibited in the park. Others were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, according to police. ● METRO/CG

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Sting snuffs 'bottleleggers'

► Eight-month sweep cracks down on those who buy and sell untaxed cigarettes ► Half of all the cigarettes sold in New York untaxed, city finds

Half of city cigs sold illegally

All cigarettes sold in the city must bear a joint New York City/ New York State tax stamp or they're likely illegal.

- The average price of a carton of cigarettes purchased legally in New York City is \$120-\$150. Untaxed, illegal cigarettes can be sold on the black market for \$30-\$50 per carton.
- Half of all the cigarettes sold in the city are untaxed, according to the New York Department of Finance.



More than 20 cigarette "bottleleggers" were arrested as part of a massive undercover sweep to crack down on New York's thriving illegal cigarette trade, the Brooklyn District Attorney's office announced yesterday.

Under "Operation Bottlelegger," investigators from the DA's office posed as sellers of black-market cigarettes, which have not been subject to New York's heavy city and state taxes.

During the eight-month operation, the agents sold more than \$4.2 million worth of untaxed cigarettes to 23 buyers throughout Brooklyn.

Ali Ahmed, 48, was arrested on Tuesday at the deli he owns, Rio Deli and Grocery on Nostrand Avenue in Sheepshead Bay. He was allegedly selling bootlegged cigarettes out of the store.

"I want to send a clear message that tax cheats, no matter how they try to deprive the citizens of this state of legitimate revenue, they will be arrested and prosecuted."

CHARLES HYNES,
KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Another man, Nabil Zayed, 39, was also arrested at his deli, the 8 Star Food Corp. on Saratoga Avenue in Bed-Stuy, for hawking untaxed smokes.

Some of the untaxed cigarettes were purchased in Virginia, driven up north and stored at a warehouse at 81

Spencer Street in Bed-Stuy, according to the DA's office.

Two of the buyers, Gani Hodja, 25, and Abdul Herkash, 43, arranged to meet with investigators on Dec. 22 to purchase the cigarettes. An informant drove a van to meet the two men and deliver the contraband goods. But when he arrived, the men allegedly maced him and carjacked the shipment.

Both were arrested immediately after the alleged theft and, if convicted, face 25 years in prison.

In addition to costing the state millions in badly needed tax revenue, counterfeit cigarettes may contain toxins, officials warned, since it is unknown where and how they were manufactured.



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► Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes, center, shows some of the illegal, untaxed cigarettes used in the investigation.



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Deadly cancers focus of smoking campaign

► City's annual smoking cessation campaign focuses on rare, killer cancers caused by smoking ► Once again, graphic advertisements ram stop-smoking message home to smokers

The city of New York today begins its annual anti-smoking campaign with another in a series of blunt TV ads that highlight the health effects of smoking-related cancers.

The 2012 campaign focuses on some of the rarer cancers associated with smoking — stomach, pancreatic and esophageal cancer.

The ads highlight the painful nature of the cancers and the ordeal of the treatments — which even then are no guarantee of long-term survival.

The theme of the campaign is “Quitting is much less painful,” and the ads focus on the nature of chemo and radiation therapy used by doctors to tackle the diseases and sometime catastrophic effect they have on the quality of life of patients and their families.

The three cancers have some of the lowest survival rates of all.

The National Cancer Institute studied survival rates of patients in the U.S. from 1975-2008 and found:

1 Only **17 percent** of those diagnosed with esophageal cancer can expect to survive more than five years.

2 Only **26 percent** of those diagnosed with stomach cancer can expect to survive for more than five years.

3 And only **6 percent** of pancreatic cancer sufferers can expect to survive for five years. The survival rate among men is even lower.

The ads, run by the city's Department of Health, feature graphic images of the cancers themselves.

1:3 Smoking is still responsible for one in three preventable deaths in New York City.

Time to quit

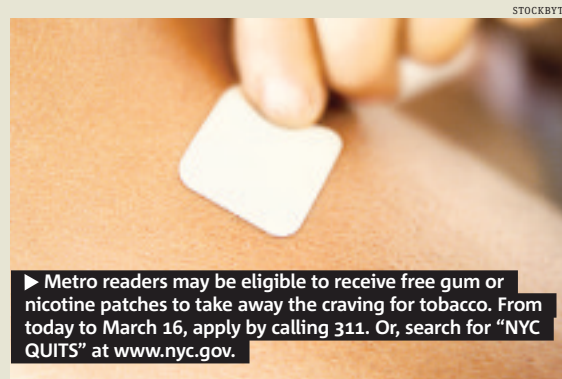
- Today begins the Health Department's annual Nicotine Patch and Gum Program.
- The program will run from March 1 through March 16.
- Driven since 2006 by the hard-hitting educational campaigns NYC has become internationally renowned for, this program has prompted 300,000 to call for help to quit. It is estimated that 100,000 New Yorkers have quit smoking from this program, which equates to preventing more than 30,000 smoking-related deaths.

This year's program

The new campaign, called “Pain,” is educating smokers about the painful cancers smoking causes and they devastatingly low survival rates of these cancers.

This year, smokers can receive further help by registering on NYC QUILTS, an interactive website that includes tools to help smokers quit.

They can enroll online



► Metro readers may be eligible to receive free gum or nicotine patches to take away the craving for tobacco. From today to March 16, apply by calling 311. Or, search for “NYC QUILTS” at www.nyc.gov.

by searching “NYC QUILTS” on www.nyc.gov or calling

311 for help quitting smoking.

Not just lung cancer



Metro asked Dr. Manish A. Shah of New York's Weill Cornell Medical Center about the effects smoking can have on the rest of your body:

► Smoking is associated with an increased risk of several other cancers, including cancers of the esophagus, stomach and pancreas. These cancers are amongst the most deadly cancers we treat, and are often devastating to the patient, their close relatives and their caregivers.

► The esophagus, stomach and pancreas collectively form the foregut — the initial part of the digestive tract. These organs are critically important in starting the process of digestion by preparing food for both mechanical digestion (in the stomach) and for chemical digestion (by the pancreas). Patients with cancer of these organs commonly present with increasing difficulty swallowing, unintentional weight loss and abdominal pain. The abdominal pain can be severe, described as a gnawing pain centrally located in the abdomen and extending across the abdomen like a band toward the back.

► These are aggressive tumors that require careful treatment planning. Patients with localized cancers of the esophagus, stomach or pancreas often require a multidisciplinary approach to treatment, including the coordinated efforts of a medical oncologist, radiation oncologist and surgeon. Unfortunately, despite these efforts the majority of patients will develop metastases — the spread of disease to other sites. Although patients often achieve some benefit from chemotherapy and other forms of treatment, for most patients the inevitable outcome is death.

► Limit the risk of developing the disease by stopping smoking. If the disease develops, it is important to catch it early if possible.

By the numbers

85,000

An estimated 85,000 residents of New York City are regular smokers.

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Pancreatic cancer is the 10th most common type of cancer, but is the fourth leading cause of all deaths in the U.S. from cancer. Six percent of all cancer deaths are caused by pancreatic cancer.

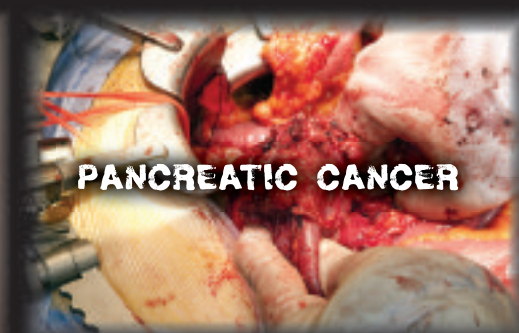
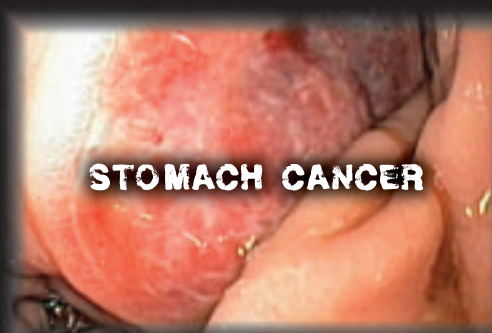
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Esophageal cancer is the eighth most common type of cancer in the U.S., causing 12,000 deaths in the country each year (more than one every hour).

14,000

Nearly 14,000 Americans die each year from stomach cancer.

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Midwest tornadoes kill at least 9 people

Suspected tornadoes killed at least six people in an Illinois town and three more in Missouri as powerful storms ripped through the Midwest — obliterating homes, churches and businesses across six states.

Six of the deaths occurred in Harrisburg, Ill., according to Gov. Pat Quinn's office, citing the Saline County coroner.

A storm temporarily closed the famous entertainment strip in the music city of Branson, Missouri, where country music and other performers draw thousands of people a day to shows.

The hardest hit community appeared to be Harrisburg, where television images from the town of 10,000 showed collapsed buildings and overturned trucks, with mattresses



► Carolyn Osman looks over debris from the home of her mother-in-law, Mary Osman, who was killed after a tornado touched down yesterday in Harrisburg, Ill.

and other debris caught in tree branches.

A separate tornado killed a

person in a mobile home park in rural Buffalo, Missouri, and another 13 were injured by a

suspected twister, said Lamont Swanson, coroner for Dallas County. **REUTERS**

News in brief

News International

James Murdoch stands down

James Murdoch, son of News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch, has resigned from his position as Executive Chairman of News International.

As Chairman and CEO of News Corp. Europe & Asia, Murdoch oversaw the company's British publishing unit while a phone-hacking scandal sank one of its newspapers, the News of the World, and allegations of bribery began to plague another, the Sun. **REUTERS**

Tobacco labels unconstitutional

A U.S. judge sided with tobacco companies yesterday, ruling that regulations requiring large graphic health warnings on

cigarette packaging and advertising violate free-speech rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Cigarette makers challenged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's rule requiring companies to label tobacco products with images intended to illustrate the dangers of smoking. **REUTERS**

N. Korea agrees to nuclear moratorium

North Korea agreed to stop nuclear tests, uranium enrichment and long-range missile launches — and agreed to allow checks by nuclear inspectors — in an apparent policy shift that paves the way for resuming long-stalled disarmament talks.

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If it ain't brokered, who's gonna fix it?

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Mitt Romney won the day on Tuesday (following Santorum's surprise February hat trick) with a pair of much-needed wins against his GOP primary opponents.

Or did he?

In Arizona, at least, Romney carried the day, collecting all 35 delegates in the state's winner-take-all contest. But in Michigan — the candidate's home state, where his father once governed and held an executive position at local job provider AMC — the win was murkier. There, Romney prevailed by a slim 3 percent margin, despite a significant money and ground advantage. And aside from the theoretical

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effect of his win-mentum, the fact is that the pair will mostly split the state's delegate votes.

So where does that leave us — and them? Pundits are mixed on whether the lack of a delegate majority will force a brokered convention, but next week's Super Tuesday may clear that up. In the meantime, we present some pertinent stats below to help inform your opinions.

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- ▶ "One soldier, one year: \$850,000 and rising" **CNN**
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- ▶ "GOP Candidate Calls Holocaust 'Blackest Lie In History'" **HUFFINGTON POST**

Election by the numbers



46

Romney won an estimated 46 delegates on Tuesday to Santorum's estimated 13. (The Santorum camp claims 15, but the final count will take a little while to sort out.)

14

Due to GOP sanctions related to Michigan's state party moving its primary to before Super Tuesday, however, only 14 of Romney's estimated 21 Michigan delegates will be able to vote. Likewise for Santorum: Only 12 of his MI delegates can vote at the national convention.

\$100,000

Romney handily carried Michigan voters earning \$100,000 or more annually — taking this influential demographic by a 14-point margin. On the other hand, Romney lost among voters making less than \$100,000 and those who have not attended college.

1,144

In order to win the nomination, a candidate will have to secure 1,144 delegate votes by the August convention in Tampa — a majority of the total 2,286 delegates. Fox News estimates candidates' current delegate shares as follows: Romney 209, Santorum 96, Newt Gingrich 32 and Ron Paul 19.



3 to 1

Democratic voters pulled the lever for Santorum in

Michigan by a 3-to-1 margin. Whether that was due to the Santorum camp's controversial rebroadcasts — in which they called Democrats, encouraging them to come out and vote against Romney and, of course, for Santorum — remains unclear. Nearly 10 percent of voters in the open primary identified as Democrat, according to exit polls.



36%

On Super Tuesday — next Tuesday, March 6, 2012 — voters in 10 states will hand out 419 delegates to the Republican candidates, representing more than a third needed by any one candidate to secure the party's nomination. Georgia alone will award 76, which Newt Gingrich — of the perpetual comeback and fall-back-down continuum — hopes to claim, having served as the state's Congressman for 20 years.

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THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) [dorothy.robinson@metro.us](#)

Snooki: A little person expecting a little person?

Though she recently denied it, many news organizations are now reporting that **Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi** is indeed three months pregnant with boyfriend **Jionni LaValle's** baby. The "Jersey Shore" star is reportedly looking to make the most of the announcement — and has even brokered a deal for a cover story with *Us Weekly*. Apparently, Snooki is looking to use her pregnancy to become "the next Kourtney Kardashian," a source tells *Page Six*. But reps at MTV aren't as excited, since Snooki is currently filming a "Jersey Shore" spin-off chroni-

cling her hard-partying lifestyle. "MTV went into crisis mode after they found out," the source says. "They're trying to hide it because it would greatly affect the creative direction of the show."

I laughed at this because, well, "creative direction" and "Jersey Shore" spin-off" do not go together. But then it makes sense: MTV's programming is filled with a million bad parenting reality shows, from "Teen Mom" to "16 and Pregnant." Even they are probably loath to air a segment of Snooki taking her baby for her first spray tan.



Maybe when Snooki's around the world get pregnant, their babies gestate in their cleavage?

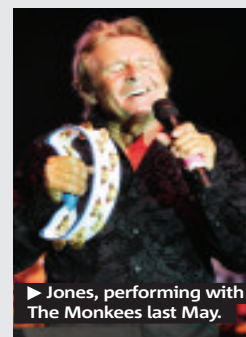
In memoriam



Jones, ca. 1967

Davy Jones 1945-2012

Monkees singer Davy Jones died of a massive heart attack yesterday at age 66. Known for his theatrical smile, little-boy good looks and cheerful demeanor on the group's hit TV show, Jones was the only Brit in the band full of Americans. His accented delivery of such hits as "Daydream Believer" and "I Wanna Be Free" helped make the group a cuddly commodity in the '60s. Jones and the Monkees would enjoy two great bursts of success, initially in the late '60s and again in the mid-'80s, when MTV and other networks began re-airing original "Monkees" episodes. Jones' other notable contributions to pop culture include pioneering the sashay dance that Axl Rose would later become known for, a memorable cameo on a "Brady Bunch" episode and serving as the reason that David Bowie (who was born David Jones) took up a stage name. **PAT HEALY**



Jones, performing with The Monkees last May.

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

David Wain is trying new tactics to get people to see his movie "Wanderlust," Henry Winkler is catching up on TV, Mary Elizabeth Winstead is recovering from an accident and Elijah Wood remembers Davy Jones.

@davidwain

Favor for me: if you liked Wanderlust, please email 100 friends and tell them to go see it. As thanks I'll send you a Blue 2009 Honda Civic.

@hwinkler4real

YES we are a little behind in the Winkler household but ... BREAKING BAD..HAS OVER TAKEN ME

@M_E_Winstead

I just cut my hand with texturizing shears and full on passed out. Great way to start the day!

@woodelijah Davy Jones of the Monkees is dead. He was 66 years old. A little bit of my youth just died

Toni Braxton and Eddie Murphy?

Color us surprised: **Toni Braxton** and **Eddie Murphy** are dating, per *Us Weekly*.



Murphy

The singer, 44, and comic actor, 50, "are seeing each other and are very into it," a source tells the magazine, adding that the romance started four months ago.

Braxton's rep insists "Toni and Eddie are just friends and have been fans of each other's work for a long time." However, the insider says, "Their kids have met. ... It's getting very serious."

Talking points

Garner's baby boy

Jennifer Garner gave birth to a son on Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif. Husband **Ben Affleck** posted on his Facebook page that they're "happy to announce" that "Jennifer gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Samuel Garner Affleck." It's the third child and first boy for the couple, who also have daughters Violet, 6, and Seraphina, 3.

Garner previously said that they knew the gender of the baby ahead of time but weren't sharing that information. "It would be so weird to have a boy," she told **Ellen DeGeneres** during an interview last year.

Lohan's 'SNL' comeback

Lindsay Lohan is mounting her comeback, starting with a stint hosting "Saturday Night Live" this week, and she knows there's a lot at stake. "I will not let anyone down, especially myself," she said in an

Houston biopic in the works?

Plans are reportedly already underway for a movie about **Whitney Houston's** life, according to the *Daily Mail*. Producer **Clive Davis** is behind the project; and while **Jennifer Hudson**, **Vivica Fox** and **Jordin Sparks** may be on the list for

the lead role, Davis is said to have his eye on **Rihanna** to play Houston. And lest it seem like Davis is trying to cash in on his friend's death, the film was reportedly already being developed before Houston died last month. A source says, "Whitney knew about the project and was excited to see where it would lead."

interview with the "Today" show, starkly contrasting her last visit to the show, during which she denied having any problems at all. "I wasn't as

comfortable with myself then. I think it was a fear factor that I had about what was really going on. And, you know, I had to get that wake-up call."

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Happy 18th birthday, Mr. Bieber — you're finally legal!

Eighteen years ago today, on March 1, 1994, a mop-headed infant by the name of Justin Bieber came tap, tap, tap, tap-dancing out of his mother's womb in Ontario, Canada. Thanks to some talent, YouTube and a certain charm that

appeals to every single girl under the age of 16 the world over, the force that is Justin Bieber is now worth somewhere in the market of \$85 million. In honor of his 18th birthday, we picked out some of our favorite shots of the now-legal teen idol, and wanted to show you how his look has become so prevalent — even these mug shots fell under the influence of it. Not bad for a kid who was discovered only in 2008.



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A ‘Celebration’ to last throughout the years

► Kool & the Gang are ready to bring their pop-funk party music to the rock party ► Founder and sax player Robert ‘Kool’ Bell on playing with Van Halen and decades of hits

Kool & the Gang are opening for Van Halen? This unlikely lineup sounds like the biggest tour on the planet ... circa 1982. But make no mistake, this is a double-bill that is hardly past its prime, as many of the shows on the tour are sold out. Founding member Robert “Kool” Bell says that a group known for dancing the night away works well with a group known for jungle boogying.

How did this whole tour come about?
 We’ve known [Van Halen singer David Lee Roth] for a year. What happened was that he saw us performing at the Glastonbury show last August and we had about 60,000 people in front of our stage. ... He saw us there and said, “I want you guys to open up for us.”

And had you crossed paths before? Both bands were on top of the world in the 1980s.
 Well, that’s one of the things that he brought to my attention. They were hot in the ‘80s, with “Jump” and some of their big records. They were the rock

party band, and we were the pop-funk party band.

Though the ‘80s were big for Kool & the Gang, you guys aren’t really defined by those years.
 Kool & the Gang have been playing since ‘64, and we’ve been dealing with changes every decade. But we’ve been blessed to make it through the ‘60s, the ‘70s, the ‘80s, the ‘90s and now the new millennium.

So when you’ve been playing “Celebration” for more than 30 years, how do you keep that excitement going?
 Well, the people keep us excited, because “Celebration” is a song that’s lasted throughout the years. ... They give us the energy and we give it back to them. ... Plus we know, of course when the hostages were returned from Iran, they played “Celebration.” Also, here’s one that happened two or three months ago — the astronauts woke up to “Celebration” on the last space shuttle mission, on the space station. ... And then you’ve got so many Super Bowls and World Series and basketball championships.

Did you know when you guys



KOO&L & THE GANG

► Kool, second from left, and the Gang (everyone else in the photo) open up for Van Halen, in a sold out show tonight at Madison Square Garden.

‘Kool & the Gang: The Musical’?

Bell says Kool & the Gang have been working with Ben Elton to bring a Broadway show to life by 2013.

► “It’s about our lives,” he says, “kind of like ‘Jersey Boys.’”

were writing it that it would be that kind of song?
 No, we didn’t. We felt good about it. What happened was another career change. We were coming out of the ‘70s and we decided to get a lead singer who became James “J.T.” Taylor, and “Ladies Night” was our first big record that took us into the ‘80s. So, we were at the American Music Awards. I think we won two awards that night, so my brother came up

with this idea, “Hey, this is time to celebrate!” So when we got back to New Jersey, he came up with this groove called “Celebration.” And we all came together and started writing the song. That’s how it started ... not knowing that this was going to be a celebration that so far has lasted throughout the years — 32 years now.



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4 ‘Wanderlust’
 Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in this Judd Apatow-produced comedy about an unemployed couple who go in search of an unconventional life on a hippie commune.

4 ‘Black Butterflies’
 Carice van Houten brings to life the world of Ingrid Jonker, a poet considered to be South Africa’s own Sylvia Plath.

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CONSTRUCTIVE COUPLING

► Bravo's Lori Zaslow is bringing positivity to the reality TV dating game ► Her secrets for making love happen

Quoted

"Where there's life, there's hope for anything and everything."

ZASLOW

Zaslow's rules of etiquette for a blind date

- 1 Just stay for an hour
- 2 Don't drink too much
- 3 Talk as much as you listen, listen as much as you talk
- 4 Be present

She may be a matchmaker and the star of reality show for Bravo, but Lori Zaslow is no Patti Stanger, of the same cable channel's show "The Millionaire Matchmaker." In fact, Zaslow is the anti-Patti. Unlike the cattle calls Stanger has on her own show, in which she herds a group of women into an office, critiques their appearance and sends them to a mixer hosted by one millionaire looking for love, Zaslow takes a friendlier approach.

"I think we definitely have a positive approach and that people love working with us because when you're positive, people feel like they can open up," Zaslow explains, adding that her company will only do blind dates. The client never gets to choose their match.

"I think sometimes people fall into old habits and pick someone who visually is right, but they don't know anything about their insides," Zaslow explains. "We spend so much time with our clients — that's really our passion, the analyzing. We get invigorated by

learning about people — what has worked for you, what hasn't worked."

On her new show, "The Love Broker," Zaslow brings the cameras with her as she coaches her clients through the process of dating in New York City — a town that's caught plenty of flack from Stanger, who once said that women in New York should "dumb it down a little bit" for the men they date here. Typically, Zaslow is a bit more optimistic about the state of dating in her city.

"I love New York. I love the people here. I feel like maybe

it's more of a challenge than in other cities because there are so many people," she says. "I think there's more layers here. It's not skin-deep here. It's really deep — and it takes a lot more time and a lot more energy, so you have to bring a stronger game. That's why people come here to find love and then move out of the city. People come here to meet people. I think New York's known for that. It should be the Big Heart, not the Big Apple."



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► **Danny, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** *We have shared so much precious memories and u always make me feel like a princess. I hope you enjoy today's events, my handsome prince.*
► *Martha, you just turned 104, but you'll always be the radiant 24 year-old with the cig & beer in her hand that I fell in luv with 80 yrs ago.*



Lori Zaslow's matchmaking show, "The Love Broker," premieres on Monday, March 5, at 10 p.m. on Bravo.

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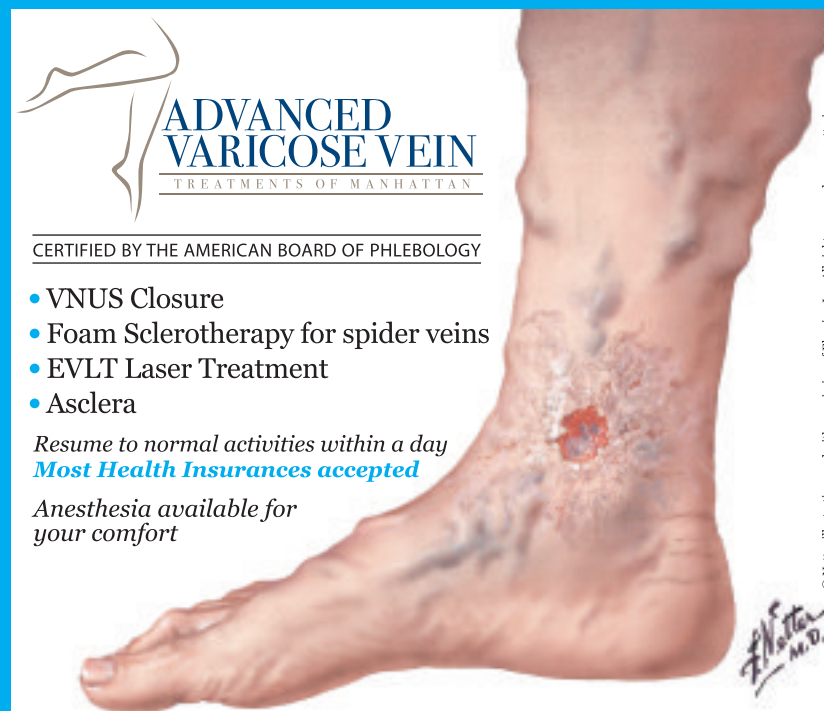
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Healthy reporting in news? Fat chance

RE: "THE SKINNY ON EATING DISORDERS": I found it quite disturbing that Metro chose to run their eating disorder piece right next to one about how Emma Stone got her "red-carpet bod." One of the reasons many women and girls suffer from low self-esteem and eating disorders is that they're constantly bombarded with the idea that their worth and value to society lies in their appearance. There was also the bit on how wearing red is more attractive to men, and don't even get

me started on the ads. No wonder women struggle to accept their bodies and themselves. **KELSI SWANK, MANHATTAN**

If you want to rob us, rob yourselves

Hey politicians: Give up your benefits if you are determined to take mine. You work for me, you have no right to take what I've earned and give yourself more than your employers, the voters. Corporate CEOs are eliminating earned retiree benefits. Corporate America is passing the buck again to federal and

state taxpayers, who are being forced to pick up the tab for millions of newly uninsured retirees.

REGINA MAHONEY, VIA E-MAIL

"[Supreme Court Justices] consider themselves above the law."

Justices Scalia and Clarence Thomas are a disgrace to the honor of the Supreme Court. They continue to hear cases where they should recuse themselves. It is outrageous

that once appointed to the court they cannot be removed. They consider themselves above the law.

ROBERT LA ROSA, WHITESTONE

Piercing infants akin to child abuse

RE: "IF YOUR CHILD WANTS EARRINGS": What if your child wants to drink beer, or wear inappropriate clothing? Some things are decisions for adults to make for themselves. Why would any parent inflict pain on an infant for such a frivolous purpose? To me, it is child abuse to pierce a sweet, innocent baby's ears. People should be able to decide for themselves whether or not they want to have holes in their heads — not whether they want scarred lobes for life. **DEBORAH FENKER, CHELSEA**

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Horoscope

♊ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't waste time fretting over a problematic development.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** There's no better day to clear up old correspondence, make those phone calls or get on the Internet.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because financial trends should be moving in your favor, focus your energies on the kinds of matters that are materially meaningful to you.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even though normally you're open to suggestion, your independence is of extreme importance to you right now.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Gratification is not likely to come from what you do for yourself but what you do for others.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Involvements with pretentious people can sometimes bring out this characteristic in us as well. Try to hang out with people who are naturally humble.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** The probability for engaging in some kind of outstanding activity and producing a gangbusters achievement is quite astounding.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Some perceptions you're likely to get regarding the outcome of events could be more accurate than anything your logical side is telling you.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you find yourself connected with people who are in high positions, take advantage of it and talk to one of them about one of your big ideas.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** The potential for accomplishment is likely to be much greater in a partnership arrangement than it is through independent action.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Assignments that require strength will be the ones you're likely to perform the most effectively.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Spending some time on a social involvement isn't likely to be a waste. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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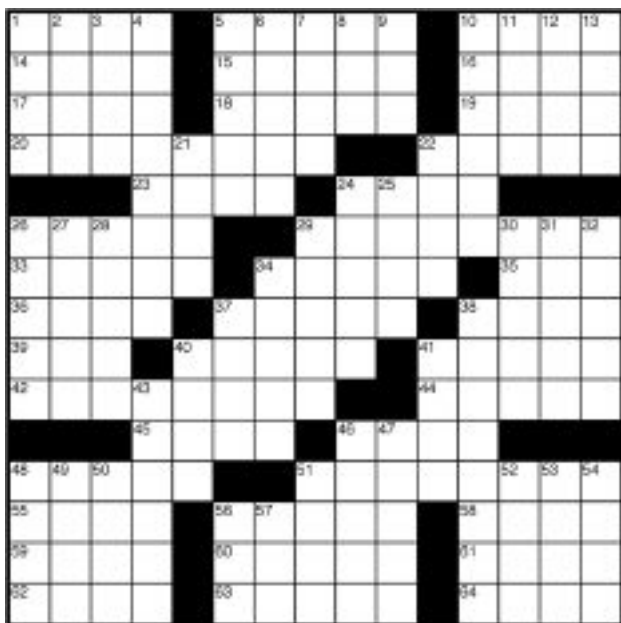
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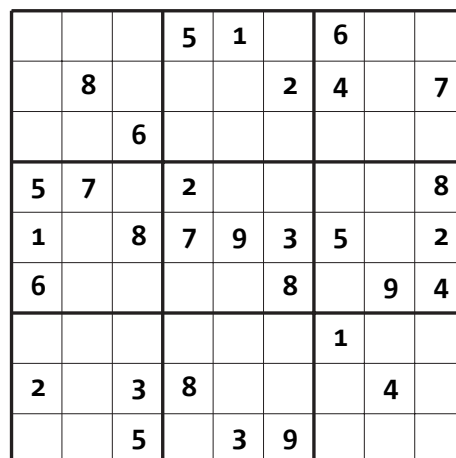
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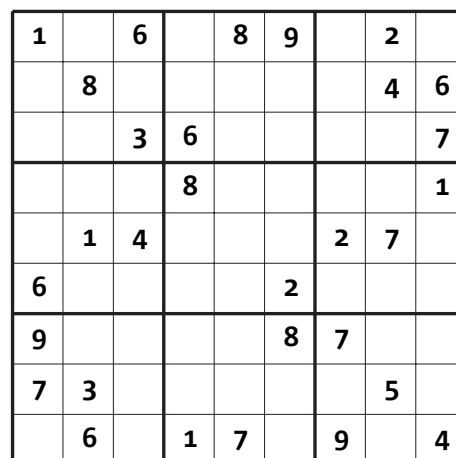
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► Honor the 100th anniversary of the iconic cookie with these unique dessert creations ► Where to get your cookies 'n' cream fix in NYC

The Oreo cookie has come a long way from our childhood days of dipping them in milk. March 6 marks the 100-year anniversary of the cookie.

And whether dipped in milk or split in half only for the frosting, pastry chefs around New York are using their Oreo childhood memories as inspiration to create lavish desserts.

"The best items from our

childhood are replicated by pastry chefs. Things that you remember eating, that bring back a pleasant memory, are what inspires dessert," says Katzie Guy-Hamilton, pastry chef at New York Central and contestant on Season 2 of "Top Chefs: Just Desserts."

From cupcakes to milkshakes, here are the Oreo dishes sure to satisfy every sweet tooth.

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Every list of Oreo desserts needs a cupcake. While there are many Oreo-themed cupcakes in NYC, Baked by



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Oreo Zeppoles

\$10 for six, LAVO
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MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS

Dirt Cake

\$9, New York Central at the Grand Hyatt
109 East 42nd St.
646-213-6865
www.hyatt.com/gallery/nycghgrandcentral
Guy-Hamilton has created an Oreo version of Dirt Cake,



which she makes with cream cheese, pudding and Oreo cookies. The cake taps into childhood memories for the pastry chef: She used to cook it at the summer camp where she worked. She describes it as "rich and intense," but with a texture that makes it a home run.

Also try ...



Birthday Cake

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Michael Ian Black

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Earning a name for himself alongside partners Michael Showalter and David Wain as the comedy troupe Stella, Michael Ian Black has remained a steady fixture in the comedy world, from his appearances on VH1's "I Love the ..." series to numerous Comedy Central shows and specials. Together with A.J. Jacobs, Black discusses his most recent piece of creative output: his debut memoir, "You're Doing it Wrong."

Sarah Vowell

Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Barnes and Noble
33 E. 17th St.



► Vowell

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Having already ventured into the world of New England Puritans and assassinated presidents in past works, author Sarah Vowell is currently training her dry, humorous perspective on the history of why the U.S. decided to take over Hawaii and other island territories for the sake of global dominance in her latest book, "Unfamiliar Fishes." ● MIKE HILLEARY

In concert

Fanfarlo

Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Webster Hall
125 E. 11th St.
\$20-\$25, 212-353-1600

Blending the stylistic alleyways of Arcade Fire and Beirut, UK quintet Fanfarlo made quite an impression with their 2009

debut "Reservoir," eschewing the maudlin tropes of love songs for references to history and literature, on top of gypsy instrumentation such as trumpets, clarinets, violins and accordions. The band returns to the States to showcase new material from their sophomore follow-up, "Rooms Filled with Light."

No 'Smoke' and mirrors, just good ol' barbecue

Barbecue sauce must run through the veins of Jeffrey Held: His first restaurant job was amongst smoke houses and pig roasts, and after 10 years working at Blue Smoke in the Flatiron district, Held now comes to the eatery's second outpost in Battery Park City. We spoke with the urban barbecue maestro about bringing a taste of the South to Lower Manhattan.

You've introduced some new items to Blue Smoke's menu.

[We] just add a little bit of refinement and finesse to cater to this neighborhood, yet at the same time keep the core menu items the same. You'd be surprised — there are devout fans that come back and want these three modifications on this exact dish they've been having for many years.

Why do you think they're so loyal to Blue Smoke?

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What's your favorite dish to cook on the menu here?

I love to cook the barbecue. We learned how to engineer our smoker here to make the

Hot chef



► The rib sampler is on the menu at Blue Smoke BPC (255 Vesey St., 212-889-2005).

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► Held

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process much more consistent. Rather than having the chimney directly connected to the smoker, it just sits beneath a hood just as an oven or grill would in a restaurant, so it really enables us to monitor the cooking process. You don't have to worry about weather, atmospheric issues or sucking the smoke out — we can keep our eyes on exactly what's going on. That's definitely something we're excited about. I think the baby back ribs are coming out really, really good. We started cooking our beef

ribs at a lower temperature, and we're really excited with the way those are coming out. We've added a pretty delicious pork chop [and] a bunch of different little bar snacks. We have a very, very heavy happy hour bar crowd. [At] 5:05 every day it's packed.

I see you've got a wedding ring on. What dish would you cook to impress your wife?

I hate to say salmon because it's so average, but one of my sous chefs has developed a [recipe] using actual lemons, forming them into charcoal. We roast whole, juiced lemons till fully charred and dried to the form of charcoal. We then fire up this "lemon charcoal" in our wood smoker and smoke fresh lemons with the smoke from the coal. We then use the smoked lemon juice and zest in the sauce preparation. We serve that with our seared salmon and a brussel sprout, butternut squash and fennel hash. The lemon charcoal permeates through the whole lemon so you get actual smoked lemon juice and zest out of that product.



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► Jeremy Lin, center, goes up for a floater over Tristan Thompson. Lin had another good game, posting 19 points and 13 assists.

Novak spectacular

► Sharpshooter drains five 3-pointers to key second half charge ► Knicks pick up come-from-behind win ► Bench plays well much of fourth quarter

It took the Knicks nearly three quarters to realize the All-Star break was over, but once they awakened from their doldrums, they promptly took care of the fledgling Cavs, 120-103.

The Knicks (18-18) used a 10-2 run to start the third quarter and nearly erase a 12-point halftime deficit. They finally got over the hump when reserve forward Steve Novak came to the rescue, as the veteran journeyman nailed four of his five 3-pointers in the third quarter to take the lead. Novak hit a 3 at the 3:48 mark to bring the Knicks within two and then gave them the lead for the first time on the following possession with 2:52 remaining in the third. Following Novak's torrent of 3s, the Knicks never looked back.

Novak tallied 17 points, while the rest of the bench added 50 total points.

All but one starter reached double-digits in scoring. Carmelo Anthony led the way with 22 points, while Jeremy Lin added 19 points and 13 as-

Road trippin'

Last night's game against the Cavaliers was the final home game before a tough four-game road trip.



► That trip begins Sunday at Boston, before they head south to face the Mavericks and Spurs. The trip finishes next Friday in Milwaukee. Of course, when they get home they face the Sixers and then go to the Bulls.

sists. Lin was also very stingy with the turnovers as he only committed one. The second-year standout set an NBA record for most turnovers to start a career and came into the game averaging nearly six, but that changed last night.

Tyson Chandler wasn't to be outdone as he showed little effect from his injured left wrist, as he tallied a double-

double by the early portion of the third quarter. Chandler, who finished with 13 points and 15 rebounds, had acknowledged following Tuesday's practice that his deep bone bruise and nerve damage could be a hindrance the remainder of the season. That wasn't the case as the veteran

was his usual dominant self inside, adding four blocks.

Amar'e Stoudemire didn't have the breakout game everyone has been waiting for but he did add a solid 14 points.

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What went right ...

1 Still Lin-sane — The Knicks had a week off for the All-Star break, but Jeremy Lin didn't look rusty at all. And the Cavs didn't take the time to devise a way to stop him either. He scored 19 and added 13 assists. No worry about a letdown necessary.

2 Bench — The bench didn't just contribute, they very well might have won the game. Steve Novak hit some big 3-pointers, Iman Shumpert provided a few highlight reel dunks and even Baron Davis provided a nice spark for the team. Suddenly that depth is working out.

3 Seconded — After what was an incredibly ugly first half — the Cavaliers scored a season-high 61 points — the Knicks came out in the second and showed the intensity on defense they have been showing much of the year. They allowed just 42 points and after a big first half Antawn Jamison was limited in the second.

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In the news

Dual wild card?

Reportedly MLB and the players' association are close to announcing an expansion of the playoffs effective this year.

The change could be announced as early as today.

The new rules would make two wild cards in each league, with those teams likely facing off in a one-game play-in to take on the division winners, giving teams an advantage for winning a division title.

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Scary studs

Matt Kemp is going No. 1 overall in a ton of leagues, mostly because he was the No. 1 player by a wide margin last season. But Kemp is also

one year removed from a .249 batting average and 19 steals. The NL West is also a pitcher-friendly division. Avoid.

Prince Fielder is scary because he just got a \$214 million contract from the Tigers, is changing leagues and now calls a pitcher's park home. A letdown is possible.

We also have to be concerned with players that have career seasons at age 30. Curtis Granderson has always been a favorite thanks to his power/speed combo, but no one should be expecting 41 homers again.



GETTY IMAGES

▶ Matt Kemp was the No. 1 overall player last year.

Baseball studs



Miguel Cabrera

▶ 1B, Tigers

One of the game's best natural hitters now has Prince Fielder for added lineup protection. There is no way he fails.

▶ Troy Tulowitzki

▶ SS, Rockies

Injuries are always a concern, but playing in Colorado at the thin shortstop spot is unique.

Hoops pickups

Options off the wire:

1

Josh Howard, SF, UTA —

Howard has earned the starting gig as he's finally over his ACL tear. We know he can score 13-16 points nightly.



2

Jordan Crawford, SG, WAS —

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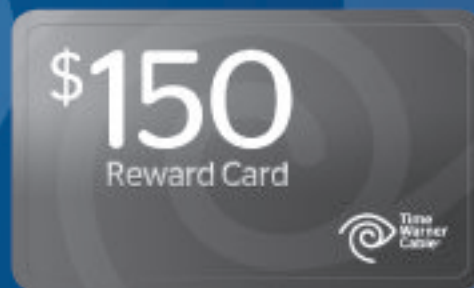
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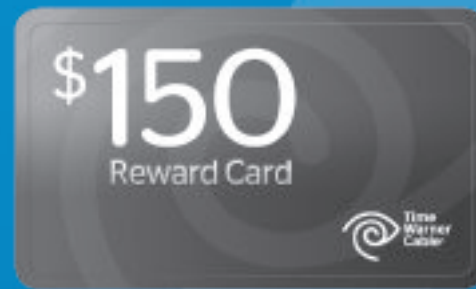
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